

National Recreation and Preservation/Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities
Subactivity: Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission

Program Component	1999 Estimate	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2000 Budget Request	Change From 1999 (+/-)
Delaware and Lehigh National Corridor Commission	329	0	0	329	0
Total Requirements \$(000)	329	0	0	329	0

AUTHORIZATION

Public Law 100-692, the Delaware and Lehigh Navigational Canal National Heritage Corridor Act, 1988, and Public Law 105-355 (Title IV), Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor of Pennsylvania, 1998.

OVERVIEW

The NPS assists the **Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission** in the development and implementation of an integrated resource management plan to preserve and rehabilitate the 150-mile long historic canal corridor.

APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- Ib The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values; management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information.
- IIa Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- IIb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
- IIIa Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
- IIIb Through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.

***Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission
FY 1999 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Enacted: \$329,000

Public Law 100-692 established the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to provide a management framework to work with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its political subdivisions, [and nonprofit organizations] in developing and implementing cultural, historical, and natural resource policies and programs that will preserve and interpret the unique and significant contributions to our national heritage of certain historic and cultural lands, waterways, and structures within and

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surrounding the corridor. Public Law 105-355 (Title IV) re-authorized the commission for an additional five years until November 13, 2003, changed the name to Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, modified the makeup and membership of the commission, increased the authorized funding level for the commission, authorized \$1.0 million in funding in each of the fiscal years 2000-2007 to implement the management action plan, and specified that Federal funding should not exceed 50 percent of the cost of implementing the plan and should not exceed 50 percent of the cost of carrying out commission duties.

The commission implements projects based on a Management Action Plan approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Pennsylvania. The long-term goal of the corridor is to enhance the quality of life through a program focused on heritage and economic development. The corridor accomplishes its goal by implementing specific actions in the plan, which include: providing physical connections within the corridor (i.e., canal towpath trail, rivers, rails-to-trails); creating an interpretive system which tells the story of the corridor's heritage and resources; protecting key resources which help to tell the story; and capitalizing on heritage and economic development.

Federal support of the commission is proposed to remain unchanged in FY 2000.